

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 373

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Flags of Freedom event held by the Jackson Exchange Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable events that serve to remind our fellow citizens of the need to support those noble causes closest to our hearts; and

WHEREAS, the Flags of Freedom fundraising venture, sponsored by the Jackson Exchange Club, is a two-fold project calling attention to the problem of child abuse as well as honoring our nation's heroes; and

WHEREAS, during the event, the members of the Jackson Exchange Club will display 1,500 American flags measuring three feet by five feet each on the south lawn of Union University from April 25 until May 3, 2009; a special dedication ceremony will take place at Union University on April 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, each of the 1,500 flags represents a child who has died as a result of child abuse; the flags also honor our nation's heroes, including the service men and women who are currently serving or have served our country, as well as our nation's first responders, such as emergency management personnel, state troopers, and police and fire fighters; and

WHEREAS, dating back to 1924, the Jackson Exchange Club operates under the umbrella of the National Exchange Club, which has made the prevention of child abuse its top priority; a very serious and growing problem, child abuse affects more than three million of our nation's children annually and over 5,500 individuals locally; and

WHEREAS, the estimable members of the Jackson Exchange Club continue to work assiduously to better their neighborhoods, distinguishing themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and as exceptional assets to their community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jackson Exchange Club are committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, the Flags of Freedom Project is wholly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend the members of the Jackson Exchange Club upon hosting its second annual Flags of Freedom event to raise money for child abuse prevention and to honor our nation's heroes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.